[Mr. K. R. Narayana Aiyar.]

(*g*) The cost in 1105 was Rs. 74-27-2 and that in 1106 Rs. 213-23-0.

(*h*) Messrs. Jnanasikhamony, Retired Munsiff and T. M. Chidambarathanu Pillai, Ex-M. L. C. They were selected by the Head of the Department.

(*i*) Yes.

Green leaf manure in Nanjinad.

27. ***Mr. V. Chellam Pillai**: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether there is any proposal to plant good green leaf manure trees and plants in the poramboke and forest lands in Nanjinad; and

(*b*) if so, the nature of the proposal?

Rao Bahadur T. V. Venkateswara Aiyar (*Conservator of Forests*): (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) The proposal is to select two or three blocks having an area of more than 100 acres each near villages for the cultivation of manure trees on taungya system.

Hand-made paper.

28. ***Mr. James Fletcher**: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether any attempt has been made to start hand-made paper industry in the State;

(*b*) if the answer to (*a*) is in the affirmative, in which part of Travancore this industry has been started; and

(*c*) what quantity of such paper has been manufactured during the last two years?

Dr. H. Parameswaran: (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) In Trivandrum, Neyyattinkara and Adoor.

(*c*) Government have no definite information.

Mr. James Fletcher: Sir, may I know whether the Government will take greater interest in the production of hand-made paper in the State on account of the scarcity of paper now?

Dr. H. Parameswaran: The cost of hand-made paper is generally three to four times the cost of machine-made paper. Its quality can never compare with machine-made paper. Even with the present quality of the machine-made paper people are so dissatisfied that they are reluctant to buy such poor grades of machine-made paper. So hand-made paper has got very little chance in the public eye.

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